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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement in the Interview Summary mailed on January 15, 2008 in the above-captioned application that a Statement of the Substance of the Interview be filed, the statement of the substance of the interview follows.

On January 9, 2008, Applicant's representative conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner and her supervisor.

During the telephonic interview, the Examiner's supervisor indicated that he was not convinced by a proposed amendment to claim 1 and the argument of Applicant's representative that pin 48 and spring clip 24 in McClasky, U.S. Patent No. 6,343,568, could rotate about the central axis. Instead, he indicated that it was his position that the friction caused by the contact of spring clip 24 with groove g was sufficient to restrain pin 48 and spring clip 24 from rotation.

Furthermore, with regard to the proposed amended independent claim 1, the Examiner's supervisor indicated that to convince him that rotation is not restrained by the friction caused by the contact of spring clip 24 with groove g, he would require more than one declaration from persons specifically familiar with the disclosure of McClasky.

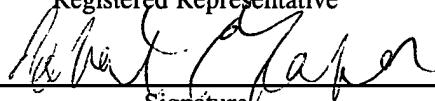
With regard to a proposed new independent claim 18, Applicant's representative argued that the feature of claim 18 that "a respective portion of a wall of said at least one tubular column forming each of said external tracks, said respective groove being located in said respective portion of said wall" distinguished over McClasky since the Examiner indicated that the groove in McClasky was element g which is adjacent to the portion of the wall forming external track

62, (see Office Action mailed on October 10, 2007, page 2, paragraph 2, and page 3, annotated drawing taken from McClasky). In response, the Examiner's supervisor indicated that he understood the argument of Applicant's representative, but would not state that the amendment and argument overcame the references, since he indicated that he might very well be able to interpret the references in such a way as to meet independent claim 18.

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